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transmitting said data to the remote service provider; and directing the user to the remote service provider.

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7. (Amended) A system for accessing a remote [services] <u>service</u> provider via a single login to a host service provider, comprising:

a user system having a network data acquisition module;

a remote service provider;

a host service provider for receiving the single login and directing the user to the remote service provider; [and]

a universal session manager for receiving a user's ID and password and passing data required for access to said remote [services] service provider; and

a validation database for storing information for accessing the remote service provider.

Please capcel claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, and 9-15 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1, 7, and 9 have been amended and claim 8 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Prompt examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Applicants respectively submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or interview would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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